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SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Senator Janssen.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I thought you said when they would go to the committee that they would have a written plan. Is that correct?

SENATOR JANSSEN: They will have a plan in place. I'm not saying it's a strategic plan, but it would be a plan, something would encourage schools to establish innovations, (inaudible) restructuring of school organization, school management, and instructional programs to bring out improvement of quality education.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Kiel, if they have that what's....

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's what it says in the bill.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...so you're all right with the bill then, right?

SENATOR KIEL: I'm not sure if we're talking about two separate plans or not. The definition, and I believe, Senator Janssen, you read the definition of a strategic school improvement plan. Is that correct? Okay. If a school district has that in place, where they have stated objectives, where they've got consensus from the stakeholders in the community, the school and everything, they said, this is what we want to accomplish, this is the time line, there's never been any bar to any school district who has a plan written down like that to receiving major grant funds. There just hasn't been a bar, as long as there's a plan in place. I'm not sure that that answers your questions, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, he said that they would have one in place, so that would be all right with the committee then.

SENATOR KIEL: May I.... I think maybe one point might clarify it a little bit. A school district is not required to go through and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.